

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Art Unit: 2684

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For: BASE STATION APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH ARRAY ANTENNAS AND
RECEPTION METHOD USING THE SAME ANTENNAS



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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. CN '500 was cited in a Chinese Office Action dated April 4, 2003 (English translation attached) except for US '736. US '736 corresponds to CN '500. JP '396 is already of record filed November 5, 2001.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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